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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

APPLICANT: Mario Loncar Group Art Unit: 3743  
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TITLE: "TUBE FOR USE IN AN ANESTHETIC SYSTEM"

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Applicant and his counsel have carefully reviewed the Final Rejection dated March 21, 2006, but believe the claims in their present form are patentable over the teachings of the references cited therein. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following arguments in support of patentability is therefore respectfully requested.

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated March 21, 2006, claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Werner et al. Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Werner et al. In view of Werjefelt.

Claims 6 and 7 were stated to be allowable.

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